

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities President and the Small Cities Council of the National League of Cities have declared June as Small Cities Month; and

WHEREAS, small cities and towns under 50,000 population are the home town to millions of Americans and constitute the vast majority of municipalities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, small cities and towns strive to strengthen their communities through the provision of services and programs to improve the quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the federal government and state government are essential partners in the success of small cities and towns, and must be encouraged to continue to support programs and legislation that strengthen small communities; and

WHEREAS, organizations, businesses, and citizens are also partners in the success of small cities and towns, and must be encouraged to grow their efforts to make small communities a viable choice for people to live; and

WHEREAS, during these challenging economic times, the need for a renewed intergovernmental partnership to support essential public services is more important than ever to ensure the safety and growth of small town America; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Silke I. Pope is the current Chair of the NLC Small Cities Council Steering Committee and Councilmember Edward V. J. Putens is also a member and past Chair; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt will be hosting the NLC Small Cities Council Steering Committee's summer meeting this year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emmett V. Jordan, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby proclaim June to be

Small Cities Month

in Greenbelt and encourage our legislators, organizations, businesses, and citizens to recognize this event and to work together throughout the year to invest in small cities and towns to better the lives of all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 6th day of June 2016.

EMMETT V. JORDAN, Mayor

ATTEST: Cindy Murray, City Clerk